

Some tid-bits from the HUMBLE TEMPLE
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Dear Friends ...

Never ... ever ... been through anything like this before!@!!
Each of you ... each of us ... has a story to tell ... a journey turned upside-down.
I hope ... at least in some small measure ... we, as a church, can be there for you.
Support. Prayers. A dash of hope. A smile along the way. Maybe a laugh at silly moment.
Some tears. Uncertainty. Our shared humanity ... in the hands of a God who loves us.

We are here for you.

The door is open. We are working hard to stay safe, in the midst of all the uncertainty.
We continue our "on-line ministry" ... with the daily "thoughts for the day" at 9:15 ... and our full
Sunday services live at 8:30 and 10:00 ----- we want our "connection" to stay strong.

I want to share with you our schedule through the end of the year.
Please know ----- some things could change. So, keep in touch through our web-site
(allsaintsjoy.com) ... and I will do my best to keep our "Friends of All Saints" Facebook page
current if we have to change anything.

A FEW BASICS:

- **Please continue to "rsvp" for Sunday worship and our holiday services. You can use the reservation "app" on the web-site ... or call or email the church and let us know you are coming.
- **Wear a face-covering when entering the building.
- **Safe-distancing has been working very well so far.

WORSHIP continues at 8:30 and 10:00 on Sunday mornings.
WORSHIP also at 7:00 Thursday evenings (no rsvp necessary).

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP on November 26 ... 10:00 am. No evening worship.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS THE WEEKEND OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

We want to decorate the church ... even tho' it may be a bit simpler ... because we won't have as much going on. If a few of you would like to help with decorating ... just give us a call here at the church. Our plan is to decorate 10:30 Saturday, November 28.

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ADVENT WORSHIP: Thursday evenings, 7:00
December 3, 10, 17
(sorry ---- no "Advent Suppers" this year ... we will miss them!!)

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24
*a "family friendly" service at 4:00 ----- hoping to engage our kids ... whether they
are here or watching on-line.
*Candlelight service at 9:30.

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25
10:00 am service

**A Sunday School note. In light of what's going on ... it's not realistic for us to consider beginning Sunday School until sometime after the 1st of the year. Our staff will monitor the situation. Let's stay safe ... come to worship if and when you feel up to it ... in the "meantime" ... Fred says "hi"!!

OUR OUTREACH THIS YEAR won't be as "personal" ... but just as important.
We will help the "township" reach-out to individuals and families in need ...
and we will be supporting some of the St. Coletta's group homes.

Since in-person deliveries and visits cannot happen because of the pandemic ...
the best way to help is with GIFT CARDS.

The most easily used ones for our recipients are:

Walmart Target Amazon

You can bring the cards to church ... or, if you make a check/cash donation to the church ...
we will use your donation to purchase the cards for you. (If you bring the cards ... please
indicate the value.)

*****Also ----- if you know of someone in need ...please let us know. It's always meaningful
to help someone who has a connection to you and/or the church.

Let's "hang together" during this crazy journey.
We have all the difficulties surrounding us ... combined with the message of
thanks-and-giving-and-new-like that Thanksgiving and Christmas are about.

With love and peace

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